Exports from Indla

1564. SHRl SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exports • from India during the eleven months ending February 29, 1988 went up by 24 per cent in rupee terms over the corresponding period of 1986-87;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what has been the trade .gap during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. ft". DAS MUNSHI)[1]: (a) and (b) According to the' provisional trade statistics, India's exports during the first eleven months of the fiscal year (April—February) 1987-88 amounted to Rs. 13939.04 crores, as compared to Rs. 11243.66 crores during April—February 1986-87, thereby showing an increase of 24.0 per cent.

(c) The trade deficit during April-February 1987-88 amounted *to* Rs. 5940.82 crores, which is less by Rs. 720.51 crores or by 10.8 per cent as compared to the trade •deficit of Rs. 661.33 crores during April-February 1986-87.

Registered exporters of Cardamom, Cashew/Not and Spices

1565. SHRl PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the lOO per cent exporters of cardamom, cashewnut and spices registered with the Ministry and the names of the countries *to* which they are exporting as on 31st March, 1988; and

(b) what ate the conditions of remittances of foreign, exchange imposed on these exporters?.

' THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI) : (a) Under the lOO per cent Export Oriented Unit Scheme, so far no unit has been approved for producing and exporting cardamoms, cashewnut and spices.

(b) Does not arise.

Housing Development Scheme of Financial IristituSens-iaid BanK

1566. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY;
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the- Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the finan cial institutions and the nationalised ttaj&S which have fot mutated housing de. velopment' schemes so far;

(b) what are the details of each scheme;

(c) what is the total amount released by. each Financial institution and bank under these schemes so far; and.

(d) what i_s the estimated targets under these schemes fey each insHtutibnatiid" bank during the Eighth Five Year Plan period'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE {SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and to the extent feasible under the rules, wiil be laid down on the Table of the House.

Closure of Textile Mills

1567. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what i_s the number of cotton tex-tfle mill's whichare lying cldsed in each State as on date;

(b) what are the names of these mills alongwith the total number of workers affected thereby;

(c) what is the number of mills takea over by Government during the last

three years giving the names of the mills, the number of workers affected and the States in which they ' are located;' and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to meet this crisis in textiles industry?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) A statement is attached. . *[See* Appendix CXLVT, Annexure No. 58].

(c) The Union Government have not taken over any textile mills in the last three years.

(d) Government have constituted a *Nodal* Agency which prepares aad mana ges rehabilitation packages for those sick textile mills found by it to be viable. A Textile Modernisation Fund has been created to meet the modernisation needs of weak but viable units. A Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction has also been set up under the Sick Industrial Companies Act to consider the aases pf tick textile companies.

Import of Rabbet

1568. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE "be pleased to state:

(a) what quantum Of. rubber was im ported by Government during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) how many memoranda Govern ment have received -on this issue during this period;

(c) how many memoranda were in favour of importing and how many were against it; and

- (d) what steps bave been taken to ensure that the prices of natural rubber will not fall in the market and also the increase in production will not be contained?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF. COMMERCE (SHRT P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Import of Natural Rubber by the Government during the 'ast three years were as under:

YEAR	QTY/MTs
1985-86	385338
1986-87	40228
1987-88	41991

(b) and (c) From time to time Govtrnment has received Memoranda from Various growers 'and manufacturers' associations. While the growers are usually against the import of Rubber, the manufacturers *are in favour of import*-ing it to fill the gap between demand and Supply.

' (d) In order to maintain the prices of iiatural rubber at reasonable level which' is remunerative to growers, the Demand-supply position is reviewed periodically. The gap between demand and supply is *met* through imports. The imported rubber is released to the user industry in such a manner so as to stabilise the prices of natural rubber within the prescribed limits.

Measures taken to inrrease the production of natural rubber are as under:—

(1) Grant Of Financial Assistance for hew planting and -re-planting under Rubber Plantation Development Scheme.

(2) Distribution of high yielding planting materials. •

(3) .Free Advisory service. on all as pects of cultivation, production and pro-cessing of Rubber.

(4) Encouraging group processing and marketing.

(5) Undertaking" research on all aspects of cultivation, production and processing.

(6) Expansion of rubber cultivation in non-traditional areas by providing in-frastructure . in the region.-